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INDICATIONS BETWEEN TWO OR MORE POWER SYSTEM

PROTECTIVE RELAYS

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 4, line 7, delete the numerals "21 and 23" and substitute therefor the numerals --25 and 27--.

Page 4, line 10, delete the numerals "25 and 27" and substitute therefor the numerals --21 and 23--.

Page 6, delete the paragraph beginning at line 18 and ending at line 29, and substitute therefor the following paragraph:

--Figure 2 shows a simplified view of the relay-to-relay communication system of the present invention. In Figure 2, two relays 30 and 32 are partially shown. Trip elements 34 and 36 are shown as are relay output contacts 38 and 40. In the prior art system of Figure 1, if relay 30 had produced a trip indication bit or other output status bit, that output status bit would be used to set an output contact in relay 30. This would then be used as explained above for Figure 1.--

In the Claims

Claim 1 (amended). A system for communicating the status

of output bits from one protective relay to a second protective relay

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